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SOME INTERESTING OLD LETTERS.

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The originals of the following three letters have been presented to the Illinois State Historical Society by Miss Louise I. Enos, a member of the Society. The letters were written to Pascal P. Enos, the grandfather of Miss Enos. Mr. Enos was one of the founders of the town of Springfield, Ill., and he was prominently connected with the development of the town.

Miss Enos has made many generous gifts to the Historical Society from the correspondence and libraries of her grandfather and her father, the late Zimri Enos.

JOHN P. RICHARDSON TO P. P. ENOS.

Burlington, Vt., April 26, 1821.

SIR: I have it in view to emigrate west in September, next; and, should Illinois present as fair prospects as represented in our papers, it is my determination to establish myself in that state. My object in addressing you is to arrive at greater certainty as to the encouragements she holds out to farmers and professional men of eastern habits and small capitals. Quite a number of young men, dissatisfied with Vermont, will join me in the enterprise if there is any prospect of bettering their condition. Among them are farmers, mechaniks, merchants, doctors and lawyers.

Two years since, I was in the Territory of Michigan, which is an excellent farming country, but rather too interior and remote from market to suit men of the different professions above enumerated. It is, however, so far preferable to our state, that many will locate themselves there, should Illinois not open a fairer field. I understand, upon good authority, that 100 from Windsor County, and 400 from the vicinity of Boston, Mass., are making arrangements to emigrate to your state, this fall. Such immense influxes will soon populate the country, raise the value of lands and produce, and afford great encouragement to young men of talents and industrious habits. I saw your brother in town yesterday; he appeared to be in good health. He makes no complaint

upon assuming the matrimonial bonds. I think he has no just cause for it, as he has one of the best wives in christendom.

Give my respects to your wife and her family.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN P. RICHARDSON.

P. P. Enos, Esq.

DANIEL P. COOK TO P. P. ENOS.

Washington City, January 10, 1823.

DEAR SIR: I received your letter of the 10th Dec. requesting me to cause a newspaper to be forwarded to you. I have accordingly ordered the National Journal to be forwarded to you. I think you will find it probably the most satisfactory in relation to the presidential contest, though not so much so as the Intelligencer in relation to the debates of Congress.

There have, a few days back, been some able and highly interesting articles in the Journal.

The contest is yet going on sharply and each man seems to think that his man must be elected.

This cannot last much longer, and, in all probability, the course that may be taken by New York within two weeks from this time will pretty distinctly settle the question. I think myself that Adams will be the man. Should he not be, you may rely on it Jackson will run it hard. Calhoun, who is a noble, manly fellow, I think lacks age to give him sufficient stability of standing to be elected. I think, however, the time will come when he will be the first man on the stage.

I believe I shall be able to get another relinquishment law passed, so as to allow those who have retained more land on further credit than they can pay for to relinquish a part and wind up their debt with the Gov't.

I am very respectfully, ob. servant,

DAN'L P. COOK.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel P. Cook, early Illinois statesman and congressman; born Kentucky, 1795; died, Kentucky, 1827.

NINIAN EDWARDS TO P. P. ENOS.

(Private.)

Washington City, January 27, 1823.

DEAR SIR: You were nominated by the President for Register and Colo. Cox for Receiver of the Sangamo land office. Some representations, however, were afterwards made which induced the President to withdraw the nominations, and renominate you for Receiver and Colo. Cox for Register. The first intimation I had of this was from the President, himself. Mr. Cook had no agency in it. Why this movement should have been made I cannot pretend to say. I would, however, advise you to spare no pains to be prepared to give good security. Mr. Palmer has promised to write to your friends in Vermont to procure security for you there. He has no doubt it can be effected with ease. He has proved himself a true friend to you, and I trust you will let your friends in Vermont know it.

Let me not be misunderstood. It is not my wish to convey an idea that I wished you to be Receiver. I could not have wished it, because my honor required that I should try to procure that office for Colo. Cox, and I recommended him for it. The Receiver's office, however, will be the best in the end, for there is no doubt that either at this, or the next session, additional compensation will be allowed.

I think I may say I have never authorized any man to expect more from me than I have been ready and willing to perform. For you, I have done fully as much as you had any reason to expect from me, and I have done so from principle.

The object of this letter is to warn you of my own anticipations, in which, however, I may be mistaken. My advice, however, will do no harm.

Your friend sincerely,

NINIAN EDWARDS.